



## SAFETY AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: Helping Behavioral Healthcare Organizations Stay Up to the Minute

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Mr. Sine is President and Founder of SafetyLogic Systems. Since 1980, he and his organization have assisted healthcare organizations to improve patient safety outcomes by teaching clients how to identify, analyze, and mitigate their risk exposures. The company provides both tactical and strategic services to healthcare senior executives, managers, and leaders. David Sine has been the state Safety Director of two eastern states, the Senior Staff Engineer for The Joint Commission, and a Senior Consultant for the American Hospital Association. Founding partner and one-time contributing editor for *Briefings on Hospital Safety*, co-author of *Quality Improvement Techniques for Hospital Safety*, one time Vice Chair of the board of Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas, Mr. Sine is certified by the Joint Board of the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and Certified Safety Professionals and as a Certified Professional Healthcare Risk Manager by ASHRM. He has been a healthcare risk management consultant since 1980 and has conducted more than 1,300 Joint Commission compliance assessment surveys. He serves as a member of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Subcommittee on Health Care Occupancies, The Joint Commission Committee on Healthcare Safety, and acts as a risk management advisor to the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems. Mr. Sine has served in the corporate offices of the Tenet HealthSystem in Dallas as Director of Risk Assessment and Loss Prevention and Vice President of Occupational Health and Safety. Mr. Sine continues to write and lecture extensively on healthcare policy, governance, quality improvement, and risk management.

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George Mills is the senior engineer for the Standards Interpretation Group at The Joint Commission. He is a Fellow with the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (FASHE), a Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM), a Certified Energy Manager (CEM), and is President Emeritus of HESNI, an American Society for Healthcare Engineering local state chapter. Prior to joining The Joint Commission, he was the national director of regulatory compliance for a third party contract management firm. While with the contract management firm, he was the director of facilities at a 300-bed hospital in Downers Grove, IL. Prior to this role, Mr. Mills has consulted, worked for American Society for Healthcare Engineering as Director of Codes & Compliance and worked at The Joint Commission from 1995 – 1997. He has worked in health care since 1985 and also has experience in the construction industry and structural steel fabrication. Mr. Mills earned a master's in business administration from California Coast University in Santa Ana, CA.

✦ **Mary Frances Colvin, RN, MSN**, nurse consultant, San Francisco, CA

Mary Frances Colvin is a nurse consultant and former Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surveyor from Region X. She is currently assisting psychiatric hospitals with technical questions regarding the federal complaint process, decertification, recertification, and initial certification issues. As a CMS surveyor, she evaluated complaints and authorized investigations of psychiatric and acute care hospitals, assisted state survey

teams in determining Immediate Jeopardy calls, and reviewed survey reports and plans of correction for facilities with condition-level deficiencies. She was the Restraint Reduction lead for Region X, which entailed education related to the Patients' Rights Condition of Participation. She was also involved with safety issues related to actual and potential suicides at psychiatric hospitals, and she assisted facilities in achieving compliance with federal regulations.

### **Moderator**



**Kathleen McCann, RN, PhD**, director of clinical and regulatory affairs, National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, Washington, DC

As director of clinical and regulatory affairs for the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, Dr. McCann provides clinical consultation to more than 600 member psychiatric health system facilities in areas of clinical programming, nursing care, performance improvement, and regulatory compliance. She is a liaison member of both the Hospital and Behavioral Health Care Professional and Technical Advisory Committees of The Joint Commission. She also works with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the American Psychiatric Association, the National Institute of Mental Health, and other professional organizations and agencies in setting and maintaining professional standards of psychiatric care. She received the "Excellence in Leadership Award" from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association in 2003.

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